

PATENT APPLICATION

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE



In re application of

Madeleine PRIGENT, et al.

Appln. No.: 09/559,595

Group Art Unit: 1774

Confirmation No.: 3132

Examiner: Jill M. GRAY

Filed: April 28, 2000

Attorney Docket No.: Q58982

For: AN OPTICAL FIBER CABLE HAVING IMPROVED PROPERTIES

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EXCESS CLAIM FEE PAYMENT LETTER

Commissioner for Patents
 P.O. Box 1450
 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

Concerning the Amendment Under 37 C.F.R. § 1.111 filed March 19, 2002, the resulting excess claim fee has been calculated as shown below, wherein the total of forty-five (45) claims previously paid for corresponds to the fee charged to Deposit Account No. 19-4880 November 27, 2002:

	After Amendment	Highest No. Previously Paid For	=	X	\$18.00	=	\$162.00
All Claims	<u>54</u>	<u>45</u>	<u>=</u>	<u>9</u>	<u>X</u>	<u>\$18.00</u>	<u>= \$162.00</u>
Independent	<u>1</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>=</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>X</u>	<u>\$84.00</u>	<u>= \$000.00</u>
			TOTAL				<u>\$162.00</u>

Please charge the statutory fee of \$162.00 to Deposit Account No. 19-4880. The USPTO is directed and authorized to charge all required fees, except for the Issue Fee and the Publication Fee, to Deposit Account No. 19-4880. Please also credit any overpayments to said Deposit Account. A duplicate copy of this letter is enclosed.

Respectfully submitted,

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Sir:

This is in response to the Office Action mailed December 20, 2002. A petition for two months of extension time is being filed herewith, making this response due on or before May 20, 2003.

Please amend the above-identified application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please enter the following amended claims:

1. A cable comprising at least one optical fiber and at least one covering layer comprising a composite material, wherein:

 said composite material is in the form of particles, and said particles have a size of nanometer order and include an organic compound and an inorganic compound;

 said inorganic compound (i) is graphite or an inorganic oxide, (ii) has a layered structure, and (iii) has been treated to allow said organic compound to be inserted between the layers of said inorganic compound; and

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